



Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
Entrance Antiphon for Mass of All Saints

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
Immaculate Heart of Mary • Lobley Hill
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and
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2 November 2025

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The Parish Secretary, Theresa Noble, is on annual leave and will return to the Parish Office on Tuesday 11 November 9.00am - 3.00pm.
Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 1 - 9 November 2025

Saturday 1 November	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Stephen Airey (dec.) [CN]
Sunday 2 November	9.00am	St Mary	Deceased relatives & friends of Cunningham Family
Solemnity of All Saints	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 3 November	<u>9.30am</u>	Immaculate Heart	The Faithful Departed
<i>All Souls (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)</i>	<u>2.15pm</u>	Sacred Heart	The Faithful Departed (<i>Sacred Heart School attending</i>)
	<u>5.00pm</u>	Sacred Heart	The Faithful Departed
	<i>(N.B. 4.30pm - Blessing of Graves in Sacred Heart Cemetery)</i>		
Tuesday 4 November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Maria McDonald (dec.)
Wednesday 5 November	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 6 November	9.30am	St Mary	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
Friday 7 November <i>St Willibrord</i>			
Saturday 8 November	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Harry Attrill (dec.) [SA]
Sunday 9 November	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Francis & Matthew Bullock (dec.) [AB]

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 31 Year 1 (or Proper to the Feast Day)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

4.30pm on Sunday 2 November at Sacred Heart

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

Baptism

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Elsie Grace Atkinson into the Family of the Church

PLEASE PRAY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Sheila Bartlett who has died recently. The Funeral Service for Sheila will be at Saltwell Crematorium at 12 noon on Wednesday 12 November. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Kath Airey, Maureen Buckle, Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Teresa Fawcett, Tatiane Lambert, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Bill Martin, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Nora Miller, Margaret Murphy, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Gervase Smith.

If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the Catholic Chaplain know. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly, tel. 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Revd Paul Nichol). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903).

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS is celebrated on **Sunday 2 November** and Masses will be celebrated at the usual **Saturday Vigil/Sunday morning times**.

ALL SOULS (The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed) is celebrated on **Monday 3 November**. There will be Mass at 9.30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary and 2.15pm & 5.00pm at Sacred Heart, Byermoor.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION Donations to this Fund may be made until **Sunday 23 November**. Envelopes are available at the back of church for any donations you may wish to Gift Aid.

GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' November Draw - and new numbers now on sale The November draw for the *Gift for Life '100 Club'* takes place after Mass this Sunday at Immaculate Heart. This is the last of the current subscription year but the good news is that, due to popular demand, we are running the 100 Club once again from December and the new numbers are now on sale. The cost remains the same at £25 per number for the year – payment is in advance either by cash or cheque made payable to Our Lady & St Philip Neri (please write 100 Club on the back of the cheque). The prizes will be finalised once we know how many numbers have been sold but we hope that we will be able to continue with £50 first prize, £30 second prize and £20 third prize. Please note, existing numbers will not be carried over into the new scheme – it is 'first come, first served' for numbers for the new arrangements. If you have any questions, please see one of the Gift for Life Group or contact us on giftforlife20@gmail.com Thank you for your generous support.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4 November** in Immaculate Heart Church at 1.30pm. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting (the patterns are easy, and wool can be provided) or if you are interested in what we hope to do with this ministry, please come along. All are welcome! For further information please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

QUIZ NIGHT WITH PIE & PEA SUPPER (including your first drink - any vegetarians will be catered for). Remember you can also bring along your own drink & refreshments however, extra drinks will be available for a donation.

Let's have a social get together with any money raised going to parish funds and our "Love Christmas" project, although it's not really about raising money, it's about spending some enjoyable social time with each other.

When? Thursday 13 November, 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church, Lobley Hill. Warren and Lilian Gray have very kindly agreed to organise the quiz which will include a variety of interesting, fun and wide-ranging topics for all ages.

Tickets are on sale now at the back of each church - adults £5, children £3.

Be quick, as we can only accommodate a limited number, so get that purse/wallet out, get those tickets bought and come along for a fun quiz night, raffle, food and drink and of course good company!

Any queries please contact Denise Hebron 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson 07837 386760.

SERVICE OF LIGHT You are cordially invited to our annual Service of Light to remember those we love who have died in the Gateshead area.

Date and venue: **Sunday 16 November, 3pm** at St Mary's RC Church, Whickham NE16 4EN. The Service will be led by Revd Paul Nichol, Chaplain to St Bede's Unit, QE Hospital. All are welcome to join us for an hour of quiet pray and reflection. Light refreshments will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE We welcome ALL non perishable produce - even if you can only donate 1 or 2 tins please bring them along to church to help out - monetary donations are also very much appreciated.

IN SHORT SUPPLY: cereal, tinned meatballs, custard, rice pudding, fruit.

OTHER priority items: UHT milk, dried pasta, pasta sauce, tomato purée, cooking oil, long grained rice, tinned meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc), vegetables - garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes, tuna, hot dogs, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, meatballs, sugar, biscuits, toothpaste, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, shampoo, antiperspirant, feminine hygiene (especially tampons) & toilet rolls.

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off here if they wish - please come in to say 'Hello!' and see what we're up to. Any queries, please contact Katie Wilkinson either via mobile 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI FINANCIAL UPDATE Parish funds have fallen by £5,168 to £265,946 in the 6 months to the end of September. Loose Plate offertory collections of £12,582 are an impressive 28% up on last year's £9,781 while Standing Orders and envelopes remain fairly static at £17,278.

On the downside spend on repairs are £2,334 higher with a new boiler and new windows at Dockendale Cottage being the main items of expenditure. Fr Endre's duties as Assistant Priest bring a charge of £6,000 as we share his Clergy Allowance and presbytery utility costs with Sacred Heart Parish.

SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at 4.30pm on Sunday 2 November.

BLESSING OF GRAVES at **4.30pm** on All Souls, Monday 3 November, meeting at the Crucifix in the cemetery. (Mass will follow at **5.00pm**).

CALENDAR 2026 *The Good to be alive* calendar for 2026 featuring watercolours of local scenes is now on sale, £5 each, with all proceeds going to parish funds.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS Starting in Advent this year, Christmas Wreaths will be on display in the church. If you would like one dedicated to your loved ones, please make a donation of £20 or more to the Parish. Please speak to Mary Young for details.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Donations for our Christmas Raffle would be greatly appreciated.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Friday 31 July - Friday 7 August 2026. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place each year, departing on the last Friday in July for a full week's pilgrimage to Lourdes. Being the Centenary Year since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Joseph Thorman, we have had increased interest in people wanting to go to Lourdes in 2026. It would help our Tour Operator (*Tangney Tours*) greatly if you could fill in the pre-registration form on their website if you are contemplating travelling with them. This will assist in helping with travel arrangements and hotels. Please note, this is pre-registration, it does not mean you have booked your place. Please follow the link below for more information: <https://tangney=tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-newcastle-2/> or tel. 01732 886666.

YOUTH SECTION The Youth Section is a vital part of our Pilgrimage; the assisted pilgrims and hotel pilgrims rely on your generosity in saying 'yes' to assist them throughout the week. The Youth Section is organised through the Youth Ministry Team (YMT). If you are aged 16 (*on the day of travel*) - 21. Please follow the link below for more information - <https://ymt.org/be-a-youth-helper-at-diocesan-lourdes-pilgrimage-2025/>

ASSISTED PILGRIMS

The pilgrimage offers a special section for Assisted Pilgrims who need Nursing Care or some other form of specialised care during the week in Lourdes. We have a team of doctors and nurses who provide for the medical care needed and a large team of young and adult helpers who assist. If you would like to know more about being an assisted pilgrim, please contact the Lead Nurse through the email address lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk. Please include in the email your name and a contact number for the Lead Nurse to contact you directly with more information.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL at Spoor Memorial Methodist Church - Thursday 4, Friday 5 and Saturday 6 December 2025.

It's coming up to that time of year, and once again we are organising this community event as part of the Christmas celebrations at Spoor. We would like to invite you to take part by decorating a tree. We do hope you are able to take part and in doing so promote your own business/school/organisation. Trees can be of any material, real or artificial and of any design. The only criteria we stipulate is to have battery operated lights. Decoration of trees: Wednesday 3 December 10.00am till 2:00pm. Festival: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 4, 5 & 6 December 10.00 am till 4.00 pm. Refreshments will be available. Dismantling and collection of trees: Sunday 7 December 12 noon till 1.00pm, Monday 8 December 9.00am – 11.00am. We are sure that this event is enjoyed by the whole community in Whickham, and we do hope you will feel able to participate. Please let us know if you would like to take part by 1st November at the latest. If you have any questions, please feel free to either telephone or email: Ruth Blundred tel. 0191 488 6971 Ann Clay email: ann.clay1949@gmail.com Christine Norman tel. 07957 810471.

TRADITION v CHANGE? THE NICENE CREED AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOCTRINE Does faith change, or does it stay the same? In this 1700th anniversary year of the first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (which formulated the Nicene Creed we proclaim at Mass), Professor Karen Kilby from Durham University will explore the Council, the Creed and the question of development of doctrine on Tuesday 4 November at 7pm in the Holy Name Hall, Jesmond NE2 3JX. All are welcome.

DAY OF CONSOLATION At Minsteracres on Tuesday 11 November from 10am to 4pm. A poignant retreat day for people who have experienced bereavement, grief loss or significant change. This day will offer an opportunity to share a safe space, to be heard, to share with others who have had similar experiences and to hopefully find courage, hope and consolation.

Lunch and refreshments are included. Suggested Donation £40 To book visit: <https://minsteracres.org/product/day-of-consolation-with-chris-smith-november2025/>

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 6 Nov November.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

When anguish, fear, pain and uncertainty
consume and envelop us in our daily lives,
we can be swept along in its dark wake;
help us to look up, look out and truly view the scenes
we can see in the beauty which still surrounds us.
There are many places across the world where
when they look out all they can see
is devastation and destruction;
help those who are in the midst of such scenarios
to recall where there once was
beauty, joy and laughter.
We need the solace of recalling the wonders
around and above us.
The radiant coloured leaves swirling around
in the autumn sunshine, bronze, copper, russet, pale
green, gold, performing their exquisite annual dances
for our joy and delight.
The night sky too is a source of comfort and peace
as the deep velvet sky blazes with its brilliant jewels
of radiant beauty peace and calm.
For all who are facing challenges,
may they be calmed and strengthened
to hold on to even the smallest recall of joy,
a smile, kind words, a special image or music,
that with courage and fortitude
they can become stronger and be filled
with renewed strength, peace and hope.

Jen Jones @ October 2025

SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times. Each of our churches has a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) indicated on the Safeguarding posters in each church - Angela Bell (Immaculate Heart), Bernadette Salmon & Joe Wheatley (St Mary's), Denise Hebron (St Philip Neri). Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 243 3305 or safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

Liturgy of the Word

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First reading

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R/ cf. 6

R/ Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm. **R/**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things. **R/**

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R/**

Second reading

1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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